

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

### 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Debra Moran EH&S Manager, Air Compliance AT&T Communications of Maryland, LLC 2600 Camino Ramon, Room 3E450Z San Ramon, CA 94583-5000

Dear Ms. Moran:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby requires AT&T Communications of Maryland, LLC ("AT&T Maryland"), to provide certain information as part of an EPA investigation to determine the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act) compliance status of the facility identified as AT&T – Monrovia – MD2200 located at 11026 Fingerboard Road, Monrovia, MD 21770, which is owned by AT&T Maryland.

Pursuant to Section 114(a) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. Section 7414(a), the Administrator of EPA is authorized to require any person who owns and/or operates an emission source to establish and maintain records, make reports and provide such other information as he may reasonably require for the purposes of determining whether such person is in violation of any provision of the Act. In order for EPA to determine whether a violation has occurred, you are hereby required, pursuant to Section 114(a) of the CAA, to provide responses to the following questions and requests for information regarding your plant. Therefore, you are hereby required to respond to questions and requests for information in Enclosure 2. (See Enclosure 1 for instructions and definitions). All information submitted in response to this request must be certified as true, correct, accurate and complete by an individual with sufficient knowledge and authority to make such representations on behalf of AT&T Maryland. On the last page of your response(s) to this Questionnaire, please include the certification contained in Enclosure 3.

Failure to provide the required information may result in the issuance of an Order requiring compliance with the requirements, or the initiation of a civil action pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7413(b). In addition, Section 113(c)(2) of the Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in, or omits material information from any document required pursuant to this Act shall upon conviction be punished by a fine pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil and criminal proceedings.

You are entitled to assert a business confidentiality claim, covering all or part of the information which this letter requires, except that no such claim can be made with respect to emission data as

defined at 40 C.F.R. Section 2.301(a)(2) (Enclosure 4). Any such claim should be made in accordance with the procedures described at 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). EPA will provide the public with information subject to a claim of business confidentiality only in accordance with the procedures set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. EPA may provide the public with any information not subject to such a claim without further notice. The required submission of information pursuant to Section 114 is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Sections 3501, et seq.

EPA requires AT&T Maryland to submit the information requested in Enclosure 2 no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of this letter. EPA requires that AT&T Maryland report any changes or revisions to the information supplied within seven (7) days after the change or revision is made; this requirement to provide EPA with changed or revised information shall remain in effect until EPA provides AT&T Maryland with written notice of its termination. Please submit your response to this request to:

Ms. Zelma Maldonado, Associate Director U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III Office of Air Enforcement & Compliance Assistance (3AP20) 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

If you have any questions regarding this information request, please contact Ms. Gwendolyn Supplee, of the Office of Air Enforcement & Compliance Assistance at 215-814-2763.

Sincerely,

David L. Arnold Acting Director

Air Protection Division

Enclosure

#### **ENCLOSURE 1**

#### A. <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>

- 1. Please provide a separate narrative response to each question and subpart of a question set forth in this Information Request. Please provide the requested non-narrative information in spreadsheet format, preferably in Excel and in one spreadsheet.
- Indicate on each document produced in response to this Information Request, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the question to which it corresponds.
- 3. Provide as much information possible to completely answer each question. This includes all supporting documentation, such as performance test reports, inspection records, memorandums, facility records, etc. Failure to completely respond to any questions may increase the time necessary to determine compliance with all applicable regulations.
- 4. For each document provided in response to these questions, provide an accurate and legible copy, which can be used to determine the completeness of this request. For any information submitted electronically, clearly label to which question(s) the data is responsive.
- 5. When a response is provided in the form of a number, specify the units of measure of the number in a precise manner.
- 6. Where documents or information necessary for a response are neither in your possession nor available to you, indicate in your response why such documents or information is not available or in your possession and identify any source that either possesses or is likely to possess such information.

#### B. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. All terms used in the Information Request will have their ordinary meaning unless such terms are defined in the Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7401 or 40 C.F.R. Part 63.
- 2. *Emergency stationary RICE* means any stationary reciprocating internal combustion engine that meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) through (3) of the definition found at 63.6675.
- 3. EPA Region III includes the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

#### **ENCLOSURE 2**

All information requested is in reference to the September 30, 2014, letter submitted by Blue Sky Environmental LLC ("Blue Sky") to withdraw the Initial Notification of Applicability under 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZ for the AT&T Monrovia facility which is owned by AT&T Maryland. The September 30, 2014, letter from Blue Sky was for two (2) Spectrum Detroit Diesel Diesel-fired 1,500-kW, 2,012 hp Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) that were installed in 1996. In the September 30, 2014, letter, Blue Sky indicated that because these two (2) RICE never operated for non-emergency use outside of testing and maintenance and will be operated as emergency-only in the future, the AT&T Monrovia facility is not subject to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Stationary RICE. Please respond to the following questions regarding this determination:

- 1. Please provide a narrative description of how the facility operates the two (2) RICE for emergency purposes, including the testing and operating maintenance programs that the facility has for the RICE.
- 2. Please indicate whether or not the two (2) RICE at the facility meet the following criteria:
  - a) The stationary RICE are operated to provide electrical power or mechanical work during an emergency situation. Examples include stationary RICE used to produce power for critical networks or equipment (including power supplied to portions of a facility) when electric power from the local utility (or the normal power source, if the facility runs on its own power production) is interrupted, or stationary RICE used to pump water in the case of fire or flood, etc.
  - b) The stationary RICE are operated under limited circumstances for situations not included in paragraph (1) of this definition, as specified in §63.6640(f).
  - c) The stationary RICE operate as part of a financial arrangement with another entity in situations not included in paragraph (1) of this definition only as allowed in §63.6640(f)(2)(ii) or (iii) and §63.6640(f)(4)(i) or (ii).
- 3. Please indicate whether the two (2) RICE at the AT&T Monrovia facility meet the following criteria:
  - Do not operate or are not contractually obligated to be available for more than 15 hours per calendar year for the purposes specified in §63.6640(f)(2)(ii) and (iii); and
  - Do not operate for the purpose specified in §63.6640(f)(4)(ii).

- 4. Please provide the operating data for the two (2) RICE from 2012 to present. The operating data should include the following:
  - Run date.
  - Run hours for each run date, including the hour meter readings if the RICE are equipped with non-resettable hour meters.
  - Purpose for operating for each run date.

#### **ENCLOSURE 3:**

#### STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

[This Certification is for signature by the president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or another executive with authority to perform similar policy or decision-making functions of the corporation.]

AT&T Communications of Maryland, LLC is submitting the enclosed documents in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") request for information, issued pursuant to Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act, to determine whether the AT&T – Monrovia – MD2200 facility is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

I certify that I am fully authorized by AT&T Communication of Maryland, LLC, to provide the above information on its behalf to EPA.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the statements and information submitted in the enclosed documents, including all attachments. Based on my inquiry of those individuals with primary responsibility for obtaining the information, I certify that the statements and information are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false statements and information, or omitting required statements and information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Date:		
Name (Printed):	*	
Signature:	<u> </u>	
Title:		

#### **ENCLOSURE 4:**

## Confidential Business Information (CBI) Assertion and Substantiation Requirements

### A. Assertion Requirements

You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested in response to this information request, as provided in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering such information by placing on (or attaching to ) the information you desire to assert a confidentiality claim, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet, stamped, or typed legend (or other suitable form of notice) employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," "company confidential." Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified, and may be submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. If you desire confidential treatment only until a certain date or until the occurrence of a certain event, the notice should so state. Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in Section 114(c) of the Clean Air Act (the Act) and 40 C.F.R. Part 2. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim with your response to the attached letter as a waiver of that claim, and the information may be made available to the public without further notice to you.

## B. <u>Substantiation Requirements</u>

All confidentiality claims are subject to EPA verification in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. The criteria for determining whether material claimed as confidential is entitled to such treatment are set forth at 40 C.F.R. Sections 2.208 and 2.301, which provide, in part, that you must satisfactorily show that you have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information and that you intend to continue to do so; that the information is not and has not been reasonably obtainable by legitimate means without your consent; and the disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive edge.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, EPA may at any time send you a letter asking you to substantiate fully your CBI claim. If you receive such a letter, you must provide EPA with a response within the number of days set forth in the EPA request letter. Failure to submit your comments within that time would be regarded as a waiver of your confidentiality claim or claims, and EPA may release the information. If you receive such a letter, EPA will ask you to specify which portions of the information you consider confidential. You must be specific by page, paragraph, and sentence when identifying the information subject to your claim. Any information not specifically identified as subject to a confidentiality claim may be disclosed without further notice to you. For each item or class of information that you identify as being subject to CBI, you must answer the following questions, giving as much detail as possible, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 2.204(e).

1. What specific portions of the information are alleged to be entitled to confidential treatment? For what period of time do you request that the information be maintained as confidential, e.g., until a certain date, until the occurrence of a specified event, or permanently? If the occurrence of a specific event will eliminate the need for confidentiality, please specify that event.

- 2. Information submitted to EPA becomes stale over time. Why should the information you claim as confidential be protected for the time period specified in your responses?
- 3. What measures have you taken to protect the information claimed as confidential? Have you disclosed the information to anyone other than a governmental body or someone who is bound by an agreement not to disclose the information further? If so, why should the information still be considered confidential?
- 4. Is the information contained in any publicly available material such as the Internet, publicly available databases, promotional publications, annual reports, or articles? Is there any means by which a member of the public could obtain access to the information? Is the information of a kind that you would customarily not to release to the public?
- 5. Has any governmental body made a determination as to the confidentiality of the information? If so, please attach a copy of the determination.
- 6. For each category of information claimed as confidential, explain with specificity why release of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your competitive position. Explain the specific nature of those harmful effects, why they should be viewed as substantial, and the causal relationship between disclosure and such harmful effects. How could your competitors make use of this information to your detriment?
- 7. Do you assert that the information is submitted on a voluntary or a mandatory basis? Please explain the reason for your assertion. If you assert that the information is voluntarily submitted information, explain whether and why disclosure of the information would tend to lessen the availability to EPA of similar information in the future.
- 8. Any other issue you deem relevant

Please note that emission data provided under Section 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7414, is not entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B.

Emission data means, with reference to any source of emission of any substance into the air:
(A) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration, or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of any emission which has been emitted by the source (or of any pollutant resulting from any emission by the source), or any combination of the foregoing;

- (B) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of the emissions which, under an applicable standard or limitation, the source was authorized to emit (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the manner and rate of operation of the source); and
- (C) A general description of the location and/or nature of the source to the extent necessary to identify the source and to distinguish it from other sources (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the device, installation, or operation constituting the source).

40 C.F.R. Sections 2.301(a)(2)(i)(A), (B), and (C).

If you receive a request for a substantiation letter from the EPA, you bear the burden of substantiating your confidentiality claim. Conclusory allegations will be given little or no weight in the determination. If you fail to claim the information as confidential, it may be made available to the public without further notice to you.